

## **News Release**

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## Public Lands Day event to be held at Corps' Whitney Lake

FORT WORTH, TX - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a scuba diving event at Whitney Lake on Sept. 21 in conjunction with National Public Lands Day.

Volunteers from the Tiger Shark Scuba and Sharkaholics Dive Club will gather at Walling Bend Park beginning at 8:00 a.m. to begin removing and recycling all manmade debris from the bottom of the lake and beach areas. Other certified divers are also invited to participate in the clean up efforts. Walling Bend Park will be closed to the public the day of the event except to those participating in this event. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Other agencies, sponsors, and donors participating in the event include the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), the Project Aquatic World Awareness, Responsibility and Education (AWARE) Foundation, and the Center for Marine Conservation's International Cleanup Day.

For more information about this Public Lands Day dive event, contact Brady Dempsey, Whitney Lake park ranger, at 254-694-3189.

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